

MARGARET EATON SCHOOL

by

Irma Meyer Manning

In this 150th year of Toronto, we look back at the many things that have contributed to its greatness and one of them is the Margaret Eaton School. Mrs. Margaret Eaton and Mrs. Naismith, the first principal and worked together in 1905 they started the Margaret Eaton School - the School of Literature and Expression which included drama, Greek dancing, and exercises. It was built by W. R. Mead, an architect, and was located at 46/48 North Street. It also housed many cultural occasions. This building was a copy of a Greek temple - a perfect gem. The Greek letters on the temple said "Beauty and fitness". It is said that the students started every morning by saying "we strive for the good and the beautiful." It is sad that progress takes precedence over greatness. The building was demolished in 1920/21 to make way for the Bay street extension. That was the swan song of the Greek revival in Toronto.

Following this, under Miss Mary Hamilton, physical Director, the Margaret Eaton School became

the Margaret Eaton School of Health and Physical Education and moved to 415 Yonge Street in the Eaton's Girls' Club Building. This school became famous in USA and across Canada. An interesting point is that Mrs. Naismith's husband invented the game of basketball - that world-famous game was Canadian born.

There was a young girl, who graduating from Harbord Collegiate, was called by Col. Hagarty, the principal, into his office. He said, "and what do you intend to do with your life?" She said, "Sir, I intend to play." His great voice rang out "PLAY." "You mean to play your life away?" She said, "Yes, I intend to learn how to play and referee games and camping at the Margaret Eaton School of Health and Physical Education."

Miss Mary Hamilton felt that the students of MES should have camping experience and so aided by Nora McClennan, she opened camp Tanamakoon in Algonquin Park. The camp specialized in paddling, swimming, canoe tripping and campcraft, and was intended to train girls to be camp leaders.

My first experience in Algonquin Park has never left me. After leaving Union station, we arrived at Scotia Junction and then boarded a train to the Park. We arrived at Highland Inn. We paddled through Cache Lake and down the river where a beaver surfaced and slapped its tail so hard that I was soaked with Algonquin water. In a few minutes a huge buck was seen drinking from the lake. Having heard our paddles, it raised itself off the ground, turned and disappeared in a second. The reflection of him in the water, will always be there in my memory.

It was a cold September and the dock was shining in ice. We knew we were there to be toughened up so went swimming even though it was snowing. We were trained in canoeing on rough waters. I recall climbing the forest ranges tower where the Algonquin Park in autumn colours was like flower beds in blue grass.

When arriving home in Toronto, I was 16 pounds heavier, we used to run to the school, run up the spiral stair case and then jog for a mile around the track. We



had 8 hours a day of training and education. We had exercises, folk dancing, gymnastics from various countries, and subjects like the history of games around the world. We played lacrosse in Ramsden Park and hockey in Varsity arena. The 16 lbs. were soon gone.

In addition to Miss Hamilton's exercise programs and camping programs, there were Miss Pollard's programs which included physiotherapy, massage and remedial exercises.

How can anyone be more grateful for the wonderful varied education provided by the Margaret Eaton School. It took me ultimately around the world when the Canadian YWCA sent me to India to open a physical Education College in Calcutta.

In 1940, the Margaret Eaton School was combined with the University of Toronto. Miss Somers, Dorothy Jackson, Miss Layton and others, supervised the hand over. The Margaret Eaton School was left in its proper place and history was made. Its famous library still exists within the Nora Benson Building at the University of Toronto Athletic Centre where students continue to play.

The decision of that girl from Harbord Collegiate to "Play" by attending the Margaret Eaton School certainly paid off.

AN OLD ONTARIO HUNTING STORY

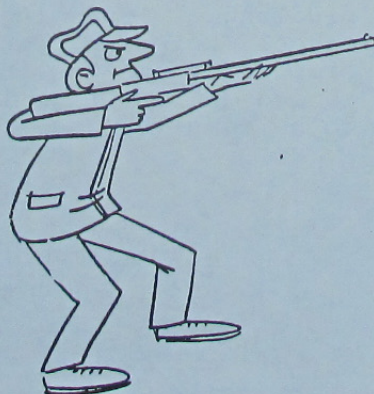
by Kathleen M. LeRoy

Bill Smith decided to go hunting. Getting into his hunting clothes, he gathered together his gun and hunting bag, then drove his car north until he came to his favourite spot. Parking his car, he walked down the old tote road, finally coming to a clearing. Sitting down, he got out his shell box, only to find he had only one shell. Undaunted, he loaded the gun, put on the safety, and took a little walk, scanning the trees as he walked along. Soon he saw three partridges sitting on the branch of an old maple tree. He thought: if he shot at the birds, they would fly away. With only one shell, he would be finished for the day. With this in mind, he aimed at the branch they were sitting on. Firing,

the explosion caused the branch to crack, and the feet of the birds, were caught in a vice like grip, so they could not fly away. Then the branch broke, and fell into the river. Dropping his gun, he ran down into the river, the water and silt surging into his clothes. Retrieving the partridges, who by now were dead, he moved toward the shore.

Then he saw three ducks, close by. When he stood up straight, the buttons on his pants snapped, they flew through the air like missiles, hitting the ducks with such force, the ducks collapsed immediately. Picking them up, together with the partridges, he made his way up the bank, and carefully stowed the birds in his hunting bag. Then he put his hands into his pockets, and pulled out two speckled trout, which had swum into the pockets, when he was in the river. Into the bag they went.

As he walked up the old tote road, he smiled when he thought about it all. One shell, three partridges, three ducks, and two speckled trout. What a score, and how ingenious he had been.



"Sandam"
R.R. # 4
St. Thomas, Ontario
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November 1, 1983

Dear Frap:

Thank you for your two letters. Sorry not to have replied to yours of September 2nd, but I forwarded it on to Jess and by now, hopefully, you will have received a card from her, which she sent to everyone except Shiga to whom she wrote a letter. I also received a letter from Sylvia last Friday--so this reply will be for the five of you who are having lunch in Vancouver on November 24th -- Cheers!!

Jess and I are very grateful that you are assuming the responsibility for the next letter and for the reunion arrangements at Lake Okanagan Resort in Kalowna. I feel confident that Doroty Lupton will be very capable in obtaining the best possible rates--whether it be for "seniors" or "group"! or whatever--but I think we should stay with the weekend as that has been indicated previously. I refer to my letter to Barber June 8, 1983, in which I said that grads who met in Toronto in June thought that 2 nights was too short a time. I think that the check in date should be positive and check out should be up to individuals or couples as they wish and as they reply to Barber.

I phoned Jess today (Sunday) and she will write if she has any ideas--then I rang Laidlaw to get her new address. Laidlaw had just recently seen Fraser & Winn. Fraser thinks we should find out whether Miss Layton (95 yrs old) would be able to travel to the reunion. Carol Hendry could asses that. Rhoda's husband is not well--I don't know how much contact there has been between Rhoda and Marg Davidson (they were very close) but perhaps a separate note added to Rhoda's letter might persuade her to write to Davidson to please come.

Shiga has indicated that she will come. I would suggest that anyone wishing to entertain her, write directly to her.

I really haven't any further ideas for the next letter. You should make a note of your expenses but I think that sort of thing all worked out at Ronville.

On a more personal note: Karen is coming from Venezuela to be married on December 17th. We had a Christmas wedding in 1980 and it certainly makes life difficult. So I may not be writing cards or letters until after the New Year. I do believe I owe Phoebe a letter now.

My dearest love to you all.

Patty

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P.S. Frap--do take a minute and send me your phone number for when you are in Toronto in December.

Dorothy Laidlaw
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1001 SE 15th Street
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Bend Oregon USA 97702

Miss Hobday:
Mrs. E.P.S. Allen
34 Oxtown Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M5P 1L9

I don't seem to have an address for Miss Layton. Perhaps you could put two letters in Carol Hendry's asking her to forward it to Layton.

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Greetings to the Class of 39. Memories of Bygone Days Crowd in
Upon Me. Know you Will All Have A Wonderful Time Together. Three
Cheers for Old MES Still Alive In The Hearts Of Her Friends.

Love and Best Wishes,

Charlotte Layton

Greetings To All. Best Wishes For A Happy Reunion Am With You In
~pirit Wish I Were There In Person. Still Teaching and Ajudicating
Folk Dancing Also Have Two Nursery Activity Classes. See You At The
50th in Winnipeg. Love,
Dorothy (Forsyth) Sangster

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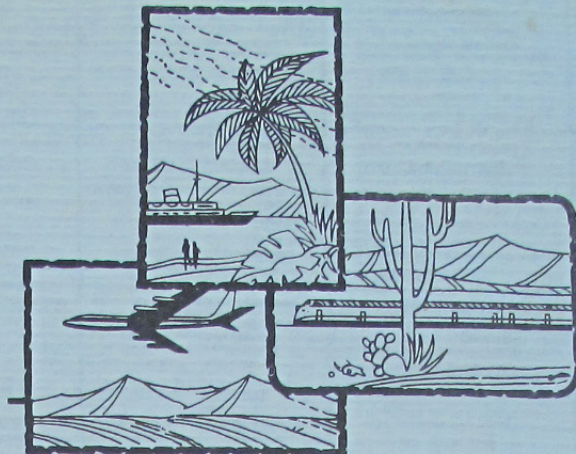
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July 18, 1984.



Dear Patty & Frank:

My apologies for not writing to you before this, but have been waiting to give you definite info on your accommodation. Dick and I had planned to have a week-end at the resort in May or June, but the weather both here and in the Okanagan was really lousy, so we delayed going. In the meantime we have phoned the resort requesting your accommodation and confirming others, etc. We have not had anything in writing from them so the other day I sent a letter to the manager setting out all our accommodation requirements as well as other requirements and am now waiting to hear from them. We think we may still make a trip up, but we will fly up and back the same day. This depends a lot on the satisfaction we get from the resort manager.

Accommodations have definitely been blocked off for our time, but it is just a question now of making sure we get exactly what we want. So do not worry! Dick is very good at pounding the table!

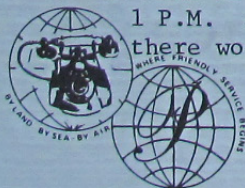
We have a definite count of 31, and a possibility of 4 more - Bedfords and Rhoda & Warren. Had a long letter from Rhoda a couple of weeks ago and Warren is having quite a time - has good days and bad days. I doubt very much if they will be there.

We had a good meeting at Gwen's in June. Fortunately it was one of our rare good days at that time, so made a pleasant outing as well. Phoebe, Sylvia and Dorothy M. made 2-3 day trips at the same time, but this old gal had to come back to work. But I flew over in the A.M. - had dinner with friends in the evening and back around 9 P.M. So all in all, accomplished quite a bit.

When a deposit is required, think I'll send out a short note to everyone and also ask for definite dates of departure and arrival at the resort as everyone hasn't indicated this.. *(Deposit to come later)*

No one out here has heard from Shiga, so I guess this means she isn't coming. Hope there isn't a problem there.

I don't think it is necessary for you to book air fare into Kelowna unless you would like to go up the same day you arrive here. You could get a flight out around 1 P.M. and be there in an hour. If you were planning to stay in Van. overnight there would be cars available to take you up on the Friday. Driving time to Kelowna



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is about 7 hours, therefore we were all planning to leave early in the A.M. I don't know if you have ever driven Van. to the Okanagan, but the road is fairly winding so therefore the reason for the driving time., and why an early start.

Dick and I are planning to go up Sept. 5th, but the others will go up on the Thursday and Friday, so there would be someone available to drive you- just let us know your plans and wishes. Shirley Muddiman will be in Chilliwack so some one will be calling in for her.

Everything is gradually falling in to place, and summer is now flying by. Get quite excited thinking of the reunion.

Hope you are having a good summer. We are finally having beautiful summer weather, and hope it continues to the end of Sept!

Love to you both,

Dorothy

List for O.K. Resort Reunion

1. Gwen & Lloyd Murray
2. Adrienne & Ed Lea
3. Dorothy & Dick Lupton
4. Joan Hillary
5. ~~Dorothy Cameron~~ NO
6. Sylvia & Aubrey Teal
7. Ruth Corner
8. Dorothy & Jack Munsie
9. Marj Armitage NO
10. Phoebe Hamilton
11. Carol & Alan Duffus & Sylvia & Roslyn
12. Jess & John Eastwood
13. Anne & Ned Toole
14. Kae & Jim McFadzen
15. Winn Johnstone Russ?
16. Shirley Muddiman
17. Patty & Frank Sanders
18. Julia & Jim Fairley
19. SHIGA

1-376 5284

Tentative: Dave & Fran Bedford
Rhoda & Warren Taylor

*Josyph
Garris
Laidlaw*

Walker ✓ 1-705-456-3235 ✓

HILL: SUTTON ✓ 1-416-727-4954

Bedford! 376 5284 (Sept 5
book ill)

Cameron ✓ 762-7546 961 8054
REED ✓

*PS I have also answered Jerr's recent letter re your
accommod. Will get back to you as soon as possible.*

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Lake Okanagan Resort

SEPT. 7 - SEPT. 9, 1984

WELCOME TO OUR REUNION
THE 45th YEAR OF THE CLASS OF '39

We hope your stay at the Lake Okanagan Resort will be a memorable one. Scheduled events have been kept to a minimum so that you will have time to swim, play tennis or golf, see the sights or just lounge at pool side. The following are the only planned events:

Friday, Sept. 7th - 6/8 p.m. - Reception in Munsie's chalet.
Dinner on your own.

Saturday, Sept. 8th - Cascade Room, Terrace Level
6:30/7:30 p.m. - No host bar (You pay for your drinks)
7:30 p.m. BANQUET !!

Sunday, Sept. 9th - 10 a.m./2 p.m. - Resort brunch on your own. The resort is famous for their Sunday brunch, so suggest you go in early to avoid the crowd.

GOLF: Contact Gwen or Lloyd to arrange tee-off times at the public course in Kelowna. Par 3 course at resort available.

For those extending their stay, Gwen & Lloyd have offered to take you to their cottage situated across the lake from the resort. This will be by boat, weather permitting. Contact Gwen or Lloyd for details.

For sightseeing and perhaps a tour of a winery on Saturday, contact Dorothy L. or Sylvia.

Other than the Banquet, all food, drinks, etc. should be charged to your room, or pay as you go. The reunion officially is over on Sunday, but for those who are staying on, ENJOY!!!

SCAVENGER HUNT: Enclosed is a list of cryptic clues which will lead you to the proper answer. The other trick, however, is to find the actual item that each answer indicates. All items on your list are readily available within the locale of the resort. You will find it fun as well as challenging. So put on your thinking caps and pitch in. Return the list with all your collectibles in the bags provided to Dick Lupton by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. As there are 'valuable and fantastic' prizes for the winners, DO NOT consult with others as you may be misled. In addition, DO NOT give other teams your answers, for if correct, you could lose out by providing them with a higher score. All entries, less disposable items, will be returned to you after the presentation of prizes.

- - HAVE A HAPPY REUNION - -

Phoebe, Dorothy M., Gwen, Sylvia and Dorothy L.

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Nov 19, 1984

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E. C. SANDERS, K. C. EDRA SANDERS FERGUSON
R. A. SANDERS, B. A. E. F. S. SANDERS, B. A.
G. A. McNABB, B. A.

14 SOUTHWICK ST.

St. Thomas, Ont.,

Phoebe dear - I must be the most dreadful
procrastinator - we have had the grandest
autumn, mild, no snow, sunny and I've not
began to shop for Christmas (both sisters who live
in Edmonton, the frozen north, are finished, ugh!)
Did you write to Carol? I just got my note off today -
BUT - I am writing you, my friend, now - to say
Merry Christmas & all the best for 1985 - Doubt if we'll
send cards - but I am sure you will enjoy
this magazine & the article on EDICTSON -

Last Wed, 14th, twelve of us got together at the TOP.
Lawn Tennis Club at noon - Actually it was Shirley's idea
& Cameron arranged it. Imogen, 12, so soon after the
big 45th; Adrianna, Jess, Ivan McE, Jean Sutton, Julia, Cameron
Corney, Brownie, Lindlaw, Rae Marsh, Shirley & me! Lots
of fun & NOISE -- Jess & John came Mon & left Thurs.
Her team won in Florida & she, in a duel was 3-0
all of them club did well - I really feel so dumb when
I'm with Jess --- I thought our lunch date was most
unsatisfactory - not enough time together Phoebe - I
believe I was one who suggested 2 days was ample
- not so. But it was a great reunion & you plus the
other 4 did a fantastic job - I truly mean it



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